

**In the Claims:**

**Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A piezoelectric/electrostrictive device comprising:  
a pair of mutually opposing thin plate sections made of metal and a fixation section  
for supporting said thin plate sections;  
an object attached to forward end portions of said pair of thin plate sections; and  
one or more unimorph piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements arranged on at least one  
thin plate section of said pair of thin plate sections, said at least one thin plate section  
defining a substrate for each respective unimorph piezoelectric/electrostrictive element,  
wherein:  
an areal size of a surface of said object opposed to said thin plate section is larger than  
an areal size of an object attachment surface of said thin plate section.

**Please add new claims 6 and 7 as follows:**

6. (New) The piezoelectric/electrostrictive device according to claim 1, wherein said  
object is attached to only forward end portions of said pair of thin plate sections.
7. (New) The piezoelectric/electrostrictive device according to claim 1, wherein  
said piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements have a piezoelectric/electrostrictive operating  
portion defined between opposed electrodes, and the piezoelectric/electrostrictive operating  
portion extends from the fixation section onto at least a portion of said at least one thin plate  
section.